

REMARKS

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the newly cited references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

A copy of this statement is being submitted because Applicants wish the information to appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom (MPEP §609). In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references cited by the Examiner in the prior application are not included in this submission (MPEP §609A(2)); however, for the Examiner's convenience, if requested, Applicants will be pleased to provide a copy of any or all of the references cited therein.

As provided for by 37 CFR §1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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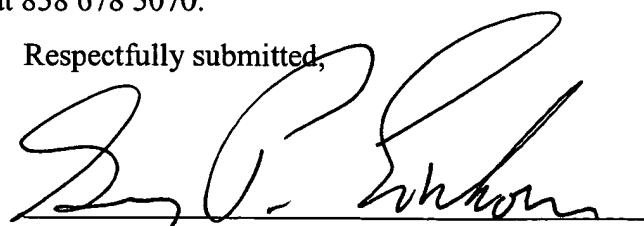
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Respectfully submitted,

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Title : ENZYME HAVING AMIDASE ACTIVITY AND METHODS OF USE
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Form PTO-1449, being submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks and references set forth herein.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- copy of Form PTO-1449 newly filed citing references cited by the Examiner from the prior applications
- return postcard

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